

WEATHER.
Rain or snow today;
Wednesday snow flurries
and much colder.

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MONSTER ATTACKS A LITTLE GIRL

Fourteen Year Old Stella Braneak of South Chicago Is Lured from Her Home to Tolleston by Well-Dressed Stranger.

IS THEN ATTACKED IN THE WOODS

Frank Stolly of Gary Comes to Victim's Aid, However, and in Excitement Which Follows, Brute Makes His Escape Before Police Could Capture Him.

(Special to THE TIMES).
Tolleston, Ind., Feb. 9.—An attempted criminal assault upon a 14-year-old girl, premeditated for hours and brought about through diabolical scheming, was made upon Stella Braneak of South Chicago, near Tolleston yesterday afternoon by an unknown man, who is still at large.

Stella Braneak is a bright little Polish girl, whose parents are poor and live at 826 Houston avenue in South Chicago. Yesterday forenoon while on the street she was addressed by a stranger, who was about 30 years old and five feet eight inches in height, who asked her whether she would like to do office work. He held himself out as an undertaker in Whiting and said that he would like to have her work for him. This appeared as an exceptional opportunity for the girl and she asked the stranger to go with her to her mother's place and ask her permission. Pressed by the need of funds the mother gave her consent, and soon after they started out together, ostensibly for Whiting.

Frank Stolly to Rescue.
Instead, however, they went to Hammond where they boarded a South Shore line car and went to Tolleston. (Continued on Page Seven.)

MALE CHORUS TO SING IN GARY

Hammond Organization to Give Fine Concert Soon.

The Hammond male chorus will make its first appearance outside of Hammond since its organization, several years ago, when it gives an entertainment in Gary Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the First M. E. church in the new steel city.

The Hammond male chorus is the only organization of its kind in this part of Indiana. It is organized and incorporated for the purpose of enabling its members to study classical music and produce it.

The entertainments of the chorus have been musical events in Hammond whenever they were given and have always been well patronized. In Gary, the chorus will have to appear and be judged entirely on its merits and the members are very anxious to make a success of the Gary entertainment.

Professor Clark Learning, the director of the chorus, states that the program will be ready in a few days. There are between forty and fifty voices in the chorus and the members hope that a good impression will be made in Gary.

TAX SALE TAKES PLACE

P. W. Meyn of Hammond One of the Biggest Buyers.

(Special to THE TIMES).

Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 9.—The sale of delinquent tax titles at Crown Point kept Treasurer Mack and Auditor Johnson on the jump from the opening of the sale until its close in the afternoon and the bidding for the desirable lots was lively and most of the "regulars" were on deck to get their portion of the gravy. Among the largest buyers were Julian Youche, Peter W. Meyn, Chas. Friederich, Julius Griesel, Frank B. Patee and Otto J. Bruce.

HAMMOND LAWYERS ARE SUCCESSFUL

McMahan and Conroy Do Splendid Work for Lake County Farmers.

GET WICKEY BITT CHANGED

Looks Now as If Farmers Will Be Indemnified for Cattle Killed in Tuberculin Tests.

It is now practically assured that the features of the bill, which was prepared by Attorneys and McMahan and Conroy, providing for the indemnification of farmers who lose cattle as a result of tuberculin tests, will become a law, and that the relief, which is sought by the Lake county farmers, will be provided.

It was discovered that E. W. Wick, who represents Lake county in the legislature, introduced a bill, which had been prepared by the state veterinarian and which did not provide the indemnification of farmers, who lose their cattle from this cause.

State Veterinarian Agrees.
Judge W. C. McMahan, who has been looking after the interests of the farmers at Indianapolis, finally persuaded the state veterinarian to see the light and he agreed to the consideration of his and the Lake county measure. This practically insures the passage of the measure and already it has been favorably reported out of the committee in the house. The part of the bill in which Hammond and Lake county is interested provided that when cattle are ordered condemned the farmer shall receive the whole value of the cattle if no tuberculin tests are found, 50 per cent of the value if the disease is localized and 50 per cent if it is general. The limit of the amount which can be recovered is \$70.

GARY K C'S PLAN BIG LODGE EVENT

Large Class Will Be Initiated Feb. 21—Now Occupy New Hall.

The Knights of Columbus held their first meeting last night in their new lodge rooms in the Feuer building and completed arrangements for the initiation of a big class which will take place on Feb. 21 in Gary.

At that time between forty-five and fifty new members will be taken into the local lodge and great preparations are being made for the event. Various committees, such as a reception committee, banquet and entertainment committee, were appointed last night, who will have charge of the celebration. Invitations will be sent out to the various lodges in the county and a large number are expected to be present from Chicago.

It is thought the new lodge room furniture which has been ordered for some time will be arrived by the first of the month and will be in place for the celebration. The lodge rooms, when completed, will be the finest of any in Gary.

FOUND IN ERIE YARDS

Business College Student Will Be Very Good Henceforth.

Henry A. Schneeclaus, the 16-year-old boy, who ran away from home, was found by his father and two boys companions in the Erie yards last evening, and was returned to his home.

It develops that the boy, who has been attending the Chicago Business college, had been whipped by his father for playing "hooky." He was given on whipping on Sunday and was promised another on Monday if he failed to attend school.

The boy was in fear of another thrashing and ran away from home. There was a warm welcome awaiting him when he returned, however, and there is not likely to be any more difficulty between the parent and the child, as a result of the understanding which they reached.

Want Law Changed.

Mayor Lawrence Becker has been asked to have an amendment made to the law so that singing societies, such as the Hammond Saengerbund-Fidela, can own property without organizing a building association. The amendment is asked for, in view of the fact that the Hammond Saengerbund-Fidela will organize next summer for the construction of its new club-house.

Furniture at practically cost; some of it at the odd and end sale of Paxton & Baker.

WELDS TWO HEARTS AT STANDARD

While Workmen Forge the Irons in the Factory Cupid Is Busy Shaping Destinies in the Office—Does a Good Job.

UNITES 'ANDY' DOUGLAS AND MISS HOUSLEY

Popular Couple Elope to Cleveland, O., and Are Married There Yesterday Afternoon—Both Go to Chicago on Saturday, One on "Visit" the Other on "Business."

Valentine, the saint of the lovers, for whom the 14th day of this month is set aside, is getting in some effective work in Hammond. Just how much the Christian saint and the mythological Cupid work hand in hand to bring about an elopement of a popular Hammond couple, whose romance was climaxed with their wedding at Cleveland yesterday, will not be unfolded to mortal man, but it matters little, now that their work is accomplished.

The bulk of the credit must go after all to Andrew Douglas and Miss Etta Housley, who were the principals and who are now enjoying their honeymoon in the east.

Despite the fact that the young people are well known in Hammond only a very few will know of their wedding until they read this.

They Left Last Saturday.
Andrew Douglas, or "Andy" as he is more popularly known, is the brother of H. B. Douglas, superintendent of the Standard Steel Car plant and himself holds a very responsible position with the company. Miss Housley, who lived at 264 Price place, was the stenographer to the man who is now her brother-in-law, but this did not prevent her and her fiancé to work together considerably. While the workmen were busy in the mills D. Cupid was busy in the office with his little forge. The little fellow got so busy recently that he became a disturbing element in the office, and "Andy" decided to do his own forging.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Housley went to Chicago, ostensibly to visit friends, and Mr. Douglas went there "on business."

They made their final arrangements in Chicago and from there they went to Cleveland, from where they left yesterday afternoon as Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Douglas. They made a short visit in Akron, O., and from there they went to Butler, Pa., where Mr. Douglas will present his bride to his parents.

WICKEY'S NEW BILL

Governor Makes Statement About Prize Fighting.

TIMES BUREAU, AT STATE CAPITAL.
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 9.—Representative Wickey introduced a bill authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to investigate and report as to the best means for conservation of the state's natural resources. It carries five thousand dollars appropriation. Governor Marshall said today whenever the prosecutor fails to prosecute prize fighters he will direct the attorney general to proceed against fighters.

To Be Incorporated.
Notices have been sent to the charter members of the Hammond Athletic club that they must sign the articles of incorporation before Wednesday night, Feb. 10. After Wednesday it is proposed to send the articles of incorporation to Indianapolis and receive the charter of the new organization.

Buys Hammond Orchard

The fact that there is an old apple orchard within the city limits was not generally known until the announcement was made that W. D. Webb, of the Standard Steel Car company, had purchased an acre of orchard from Mrs. A. Hink.

Mrs. Hink recently sold all her property except this acre of fruit trees and berry bushes. She originally intended to keep this part of the estate but she finally decided to dispose of it.

Mr. Webb bought the acre of fruit and will keep it for himself. The purchase was made Feb. 1. An interesting fact about the purchase is that Mrs. Amelia Hink came into possession of this property in 1868, over forty years ago and bought it for \$15 an acre. It is probably worth a hundred times that amount now.

DELINQUENT TAX SALE TAKES PLACE

Fraction of Acre Is Lost and Tax Title Remains Undisposed Of.

BIDDING SPIRITED SOME TIMES

Annual Delinquent Tax Sale Takes Place at City Hall Yesterday Afternoon.

Somewhere in North township, section 1, lies .08 of an acre, the tax title to which could have been purchased for \$19.20. There was no bid, even the owner himself, Henry Schrage of Whiting, refusing to redeem it because he does not know where his property is. Possibly it lies somewhere under Wolf lake and very likely it is under some body of water. At any rate that is all the description there is of the property, and there being nobody who would take the chance the title was left unsold. There is not much of a chance connected with the purchase either, since the city would refund the tax money if it can be shown that the land is submerged.

This piece of property is the only piece out of about 1,800 pieces of property which were either redeemed or sold for taxes. About half of the property was redeemed by the property owners themselves between the time that has elapsed since the publication of the notices and the sale of the property yesterday and today.

Among the principal buyers yesterday and today were the First National Bank and the Lake County Savings & Trust company, who protected their own interests. Colonel LeGrand T. Meyer, D. C. Atkinson, W. F. Bridge and Walter Hammond.

MAKES AN INVESTIGATION

Sensational Disclosures Are Promised in East Chicago Postoffice.

(Special to THE TIMES).
East Chicago, Ind., Feb. 9.—That disclosures of a sensational nature will be made concerning the segment of the East Chicago postal department under a former regime was asserted yesterday by Postal Inspector J. M. Woltz, of Logansport. Mr. Woltz spent several hours in East Chicago and the Harbor and discussed the local department forces. While no intimation of the true nature of the charges was given, it is understood that the punishment includes the payment of a very heavy fine with an optional penal term in the Leavenworth federal prison.

Mr. Woltz spent a portion of the time in the Harbor in the tracing of lost registered letters. East Chicago recently had a case of this nature, in which a letter addressed to a visitor at the home of Mayor DeBriase was lost through negligence of the local office.

SUES FOR A DIVORCE

East Chicago Lady Makes Charges Against Her Husband.

Attorney H. A. Bixby, representing Lottie Jones, has filed suit for divorce in the Lake superior court, in which Mrs. Jones asks legal separation from her husband, Charles Jones.

The complaint states that the couple were married Oct. 1, 1894 and that they lived together fourteen years. In that time Mrs. Jones states that she bore three children and asks for the custody of them in the event of her being granted a divorce.

The complaint states that Charles Jones came home intoxicated one time and while in that condition threatened to kill his wife with a razor.

Attorney Bixby asks that Jones pay his wife \$25 a month alimony with which she and her children may be supported. Charles Jones is an ironworker and lives at 1828 1/2 Olcott avenue, East Chicago.

NO RULING YET

Crown Point Judge Has Not Made His Decision.

Judge W. C. McMahon of Crown Point circuit court has not yet ruled on the question as to whether the liquor, which has been confiscated from Young's saloon, shall be destroyed. W. J. McAleer, who is representing Mr. Young, has gone to Indianapolis, and it is not believed that Judge McMahon will announce his ruling in the matter until Attorney McAleer comes back.

M. E. AID MEETING.

The Ladies society of the First M. E. church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Schuyler 24 Clinton street. A full attendance of members is desired as the work of last week will be finished and the regular business disposed of.

START WAR FOR SWAN'S BENEFIT

Ex-Sheriff F. S. Carter Says It Will Be a Cold Day When Hammond Liverymen's Association Puts Him Out of Business.

OH, JOY! FOR THE WALKING LOVERS!

Liveryman Carter Now Proposes to Iron Out Crimps Put in Pocket-Books and Fixes Up New Schedule of Prices, Largely for the Benefit of a Tired Cupid and Adherents.

Fred Carter has declared war on all of the other liverymen in Hammond. He says that they have been going after him with the idea of putting him out of business and that he does not propose to be "sat on" without a fight.

For some time there has been an agreement between the Hammond liverymen on the question of rates. As a result of the cost of securing a carriage has been so high that the society people of Hammond have become known as a bunch of "walkers."

Two Cold Ones No More.
When the young swains of Hammond take their lady friends to a dance in style they were compelled to pay out two cold shins dollars for carriage hire in addition to the cost of admission to the dance and the violets.

This usually puts a crimp in the pocket-book of the young man and it generally requires a minute or two for him to catch his breath after the cabby announced the cost of the hire of the vehicle.

Conspired Against Him?
When Fred Carter recently got back into the livery business he claims he immediately became the victim of a conspiracy on the part of the other liverymen in the city.

But Fred is pugnacious. He says he is ready to fight them to the limit. He has just secured three or four new carriages, and he announces to all of the social organizations of the city that he will carry a couple to and from a dance for \$1. That is 25 cents a person each way.

OK, Precious Moments!
In addition to that it will be possible to make arrangements with Mr. Carter when you go to Chicago to the theater, have him meet you at the depot and take you to your homes for 50 cents per couple.

He will call for couples who want to go to the theater in Hammond and the charge will be no more than it is to a dance, namely, \$1 for the round trip for a single couple.

Mr. Carter thinks this will put the carriage within the reach of the whole people of the city and instead of being an occasional luxury will be a regular convenience. The next move in this fight will be on the part of Mr. Carter's competitors.

Results for Parties.
Another addition, which he will make to the equipment of his barn, will be a tally-ho, which will be available to picnic parties and all who take pleasure in making a trip into the country districts south of Hammond. The genial ex-sheriff thinks this will be greatly appreciated by the people of Hammond and will be largely patronized.

Something Doing Anyway.

Some of the Hammond business men are saying that Cox & Mees are putting up a good front. Others are of the opinion that they are having a great opening. The facts of the case are that they have torn out all of the show windows in the old Arklin store and will put in some up-to-date ones, which will improve the appearance of the business district.

New Stamps Are In.

The new stamps, which have been designed in honor of the Lincoln centennial, have appeared in the local postoffice and are now on sale. The stamps are of the 2-cent denomination and are very similar in appearance to the 2-cent stamps now in vogue, except that the reply of Lincoln appears in place of that of Washington. On the face of the stamp appears the dates 1809 and 1909.

Will Preach Tonight.

Rev. A. T. Briggs will preach at the revival meeting at the First Methodist church this evening. There will be splendid singing, and if the weather permits, a good attendance is expected. Even with the rain last night's meeting was a very profitable one. The people of Hammond are cordially invited to be present.

GARY CITY HALL BIDS TO BE OPENED TODAY

Fifteen Contractors Submit Their Figures to Town Trustees.

ALL ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

Job Involves \$45,000 and Is One of the Biggest Plums To Be Given Away Since Foundation.

Bids for the construction of the new city hall will be opened at the meeting of the board of trustees this afternoon. There have already been fifteen bids submitted and Trustee John Sears said last night that there surely would have been more if the city had had the plans for the contractors to figure on.

Although the bids will be opened today it is not probable that the contract for the building will be let. The board will take considerable time to carefully scan the terms of all the estimates submitted so that there can be no mistake when the contract is let.

It is also possible that in work such as the construction of the cells, the foundation work, or work that can be done independently will be let under separate contract if any of the bids for this work submitted are lower than those in the general estimate.

The Gary contractors who have submitted bids are all waiting the opening of the bids with great anxiety this afternoon as the construction of the \$45,000 city hall is considered a rich plum. Many outsiders are also trying to land the contract and it may be possible that the Gary men will lose out.

SENTENCE GARY COONS

George Tust Is on Trial in the Lake Circuit Court.

(Special to THE TIMES).
Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 9.—Yesterday was "big" day at the circuit court and the troubles of the "ebony" boys were aired. The two Gary negroes who were recently arrested and charged with robbery, were found guilty by the jury but in the absence of Judge McMahon, were not sentenced. The trial of George Tust, the Gary negro who attempted to shoot another colored lady in the steel town is now on, the jury being accepted by the state and defense, after the usual interrogations. Judge Bruce, pro tem, in the absence of Judge McMahon, is hearing the evidence. Tust, according to reports, is a bold, bad nigger and made things hum around the locality in which he lived.

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE

St. John Lady Passes Away at the Age of 88 Years.

(Special to THE TIMES).
St. John, Ind., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Christopher Boecker died yesterday afternoon at her home at four o'clock. On January 9th she and her husband, who is ninety-two years old, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Boecker was eighty-eight years old. Her death removes one of St. John township's oldest citizens and one who was generally liked by all who knew her. She had been an invalid for a number of years, although she was able to be up and around most of the time. Her husband still enjoys the best of health and despite his extreme age follows his trade, that of shoemaker.

Mrs. Boecker was born in Bork, Westphalia, Germany, where she met her husband. They were married in the old country and then came over to the United States. They were among the pioneers of St. John township. In addition to her husband the deceased is survived by two sons, Bernard and Nicholas Boecker, both of whom live in St. John.

COLD SPELL HERE

Rain fell in this region last night and more rain or snow is promised today with a fall in the temperature. A cold spell is indicated by news from the northwest, where snow fell yesterday. The maximum temperature during the past twenty-four hours was 39 degrees, the minimum being 33 degrees. Battleford was the coldest point yesterday, the maximum temperature at that place being 18 degrees below zero, while San Antonio enjoyed a temperature of 75 degrees.

Very Little Doing.

There will be very little doing in the Lake superior court in Hammond this week on account of the interruption of the court's business due to the fight between the cities of Hammond and Gary for additional court facilities.

Court cases will be tried during the rest of the week, but the re are not many of them, which will be called up for trial, on account of the inability of the lawyers to try them.

STODOALA AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Grabs Hard Working Conductor's Receipts and Takes It Home With Him Until Police Make Him Be Good.

STODOLA KEEPS THE HOTEL BUTLER

Albert Geis Says That Saloonkeeper Stodola Would Be Bad Man to Have Around When There Was Any Money Loose, According to Fellow's Own Story.

There are some cheap men in this world. There are some men in whose breast the milk of human kindness is fearfully eaked.

One of these lives in Hammond. His name is Stodola, and he is pretty well acquainted with the Hammond police. What they know about Stodola wouldn't fit him for the ministry.

Through the assistance of Officer Schaefer of the Hammond police department, Conductor Albert Geis of the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago Street Railway company recovered a \$20 bill which he left in the car. The money was recovered from a Saloonkeeper Stodola, who lives in the Standard district. It happened that Stodola was the only passenger on the car at the time the money was lost. This made it comparatively easy to trace the loss.

He Gave It Up.
When Geis confronted Stodola and told him that he must have found the money the saloonkeeper turned over the \$20 bill. Stodola is the proprietor of the Hotel Butler on Columbia avenue.

It was a matter of comment at the time that Stodola was compelled to turn over the money that he could have been so brazen as to have taken it.

He was the only man in the car when the conductor, in counting over his change, let the \$20 bill fall to the floor. The saloonkeeper saw the money fall and instead of pointing out the loss to the conductor he picked up the bill and put it in his pocket.

Police Helped Some.
Of course, the conductor discovered his loss sooner or later, and knew that it would have to come out of his week's salary. He enlisted the help of the Hammond police and they discovered that the lone passenger on the car was Stodola, the saloonkeeper. They went to his place of business and put the matter up to him so strongly that he finally admitted that he had found the money and paid it over to the conductor.

MANY GO TO WATCH FIGHT

Union Labor and Bar Association Send Representatives to Capital.

Many Hammond citizens and attorneys have gone to Indianapolis to look after the interests of this city in the court fight. While the matter has been compromised between Gary and Hammond yet the Hammond men think it best that some one should be on the ground to look after the interests of this city.

Among the Hammond attorneys who went to Indianapolis or who have remained there since the fight began, are A. E. Knotts, John Gavitt, Frank Garitt, Peter Crumpecker, W. J. McAleer and Charles Greenwald.

H. P. Smith, Frank Nedji and Albert Trubn are the representatives of union labor who went to Indianapolis today to look after the interests of the Hammond court.

So far as could be learned at the time of going to press, there are no new developments in the court fight which were not printed in yesterday's Times.

Firemen Called Out.

The Central fire department was called out last night to the George Parker place, east of the Carleton hotel, on Plummer avenue. The damage was only nominal and was caused by an overheated flue.